

Looking at the Face of God

Luke 2:36-38

Intro: the inaccuracy of seeing Christianity as misogynist

- Galatians 3:28; Luke 8:1-3
- Women at the crucifixion, burial, resurrection
- Dorcas in Acts 9 and Lydia in Acts 16
- Women in Thessalonica and Berea in Acts 17
- Priscilla in Acts 18
- 8 women greeted by Paul in Romans 16
- Pheobe, a deaconess, mentioned in Rom. 16:1

I. The Description of Anna vv. 36-38

- A. She was a prophetess, who shared the word of God with others
- B. She was from the tribe of Asher
 - 1. There is no such thing as “10 lost tribes”
 - 2. James 1:1 mentions all 12 tribes
- C. Her father’s name was Phanuel or Penuel
 - 1. Genesis 32:30-31
 - 2. Psalm 27:8; 69:17; 102:2; 105:4
- D. She was 84 years old and a widow after only 7 years of marriage
- E. She served God in the temple
- F. She spoke of Jesus to those looking for the Messiah - Zech. 12:10-11; 13:1

II. The Relocation of the Family vv. 39-40

- A. They returned to Nazareth in Galilee
- B. Jesus grew and developed

Conclusion: This is a great mystery! - 1st Tim. 3:16